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TAGS: BTIO, EMIN, EC
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE URANIUM FIND IN ECUADOR

REFS: A) USDOC WASH 12670; B) QUITO A-35

1. FOR SOME DECADES NOW, WHENEVER LOCAL NEWSPAPERS HAVE EXCESS SPACE AVAILABLE, THEY FILL IT BY RESURRECTING RUMORS THAT URANIUM DEPOSITS HAVE BEEN FOUND IN ECUADOR. THE FACT IS THAT NO SIGNIFICANT URANIUM EXPLORATION HAS EVER BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN ECUADOR, AND NO PROOF HAS EVER COME FORWARD THAT ANYTHING MORE THAN INSIGNIFICANT TRACES HAS BEEN FOUND.

2. SOME VERY MINOR URANIUM EXPLORATION HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT, LARGELY IN THE SOUTHERN ANDES, BUT NO COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION IS LIKELY FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. A WEST GERMAN FIRM, URAN GESELLSCHAFT, HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EXPLORING IN ECUADOR, BUT HAS NOT INITIATED ANY ACTIVITIES, NOR ARE ANY PLANNED AT THE MOMENT.

3. MOST OF ECUADOR HAS NEVER BEEN EXPLORES FOR MINERAL DEPOSITS. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ECUADOR'S VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT MINING SECTOR MAY BE FOUND IN REF B.

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